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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at
3 Illinois Wesleyan University (IWU) will open on March 1, 2017;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The SBDC will be housed in State Farm Hall on the
6 campus of IWU and will be the only one that is on a small,
7 private campus; this will be the 25th SBDC in Illinois and will
8 be directed by Karen Bussone, Assistant Professor of Business
9 Administration; and

10 WHEREAS, The SBDC will provide assistance to small
11 businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs in McLean County; it will
12 support entrepreneurs as they strive to develop new businesses;
13 and it will serve as a resource to help existing businesses to
14 grow and remain competitive; and

15 WHEREAS, SBDCs throughout the United States are hosted by
16 universities in collaboration with region Economic Development
17 Councils, and funded in part through a partnership with the
18 U.S. Small Business Administration; and

19 WHEREAS, IWU's SBDC will provide aspiring and current small
20 business owners a variety of free business consulting and
21 low-cost training services including: business plan

1 development, manufacturing assistance, financial packaging and
2 lending assistance, exporting and importing support, disaster
3 recovery assistance, procurement and contracting aid, market
4 research help, 8(a) program support, and healthcare guidance;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, These efforts are done in collaboration with the
7 Bloomington-Normal Economic Development Council and the McLean
8 County Chamber of Commerce; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 recognize the opening of the Small Business Development Center
12 on the campus of Illinois Wesleyan University; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the SBDC at IWU.